

Historical Resources

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☐ What Is A Historical Resource?

- What does “significance” mean?
- What does “integrity” mean?

☐ What Is A Historical Resource Survey?

- Why do we need one?
- How do we get one?
- How will we know when we have a good one?



What is a historical resource?

- ☐ National Register
- ☐ California Register
- ☐ CEQA
- ☐ Local criteria



National Register Criteria

- ☐ Buildings, Structures, Objects, Sites, Districts
 - ☐ Local, State, or National significance
 - ☐ in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture
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California Register Criteria

- ❑ Buildings, Structures, Objects, Sites, Districts, Area, Place, Record, or Manuscript
 - ❑ Historically or Archaeologically significant
 - ❑ Significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California.
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CEQA Criteria

- ❑ Resource listed in or determined eligible by the SHRC for listing in the **California Register**;
 - ❑ Resource included in a **local register** of historical resources;
 - ❑ Resource identified as significant in an **historical resources survey** (status codes 3-5) shall be presumed to be historically or culturally significant;
 - ❑ Any B,S,O,S,A,...which a lead agency determines to be historically significant...
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SIGNIFICANCE



Associated
with
significant
historic
events or
patterns of
development

SIGNIFICANCE

Associated with significant persons



SIGNIFICANCE

Embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, represents the work of a master,



Possesses high artistic values.

SIGNIFICANCE

Has yielded or has the potential to yield important information



INTEGRITY

- ❑ Authenticity of a historical resource's physical identity evidenced by survival of characteristics that existed during the resource's period of significance.
 - ❑ Resource retains sufficient historic fabric and character-defining features to convey its historical significance.
 - ❑ Resource would be easily recognizable by someone who knew the resource during its period of significance.
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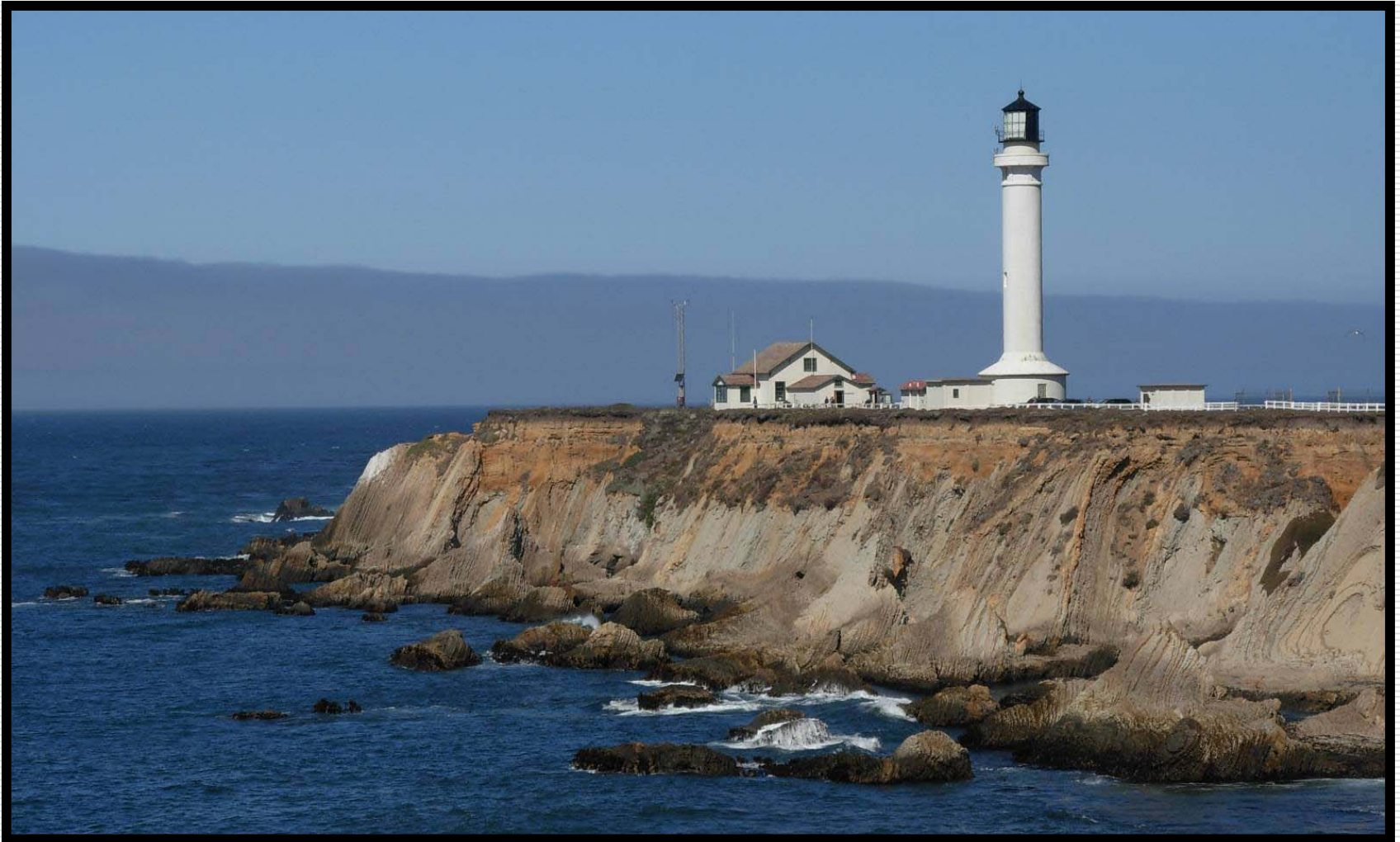
LOCATION



DESIGN



SETTING



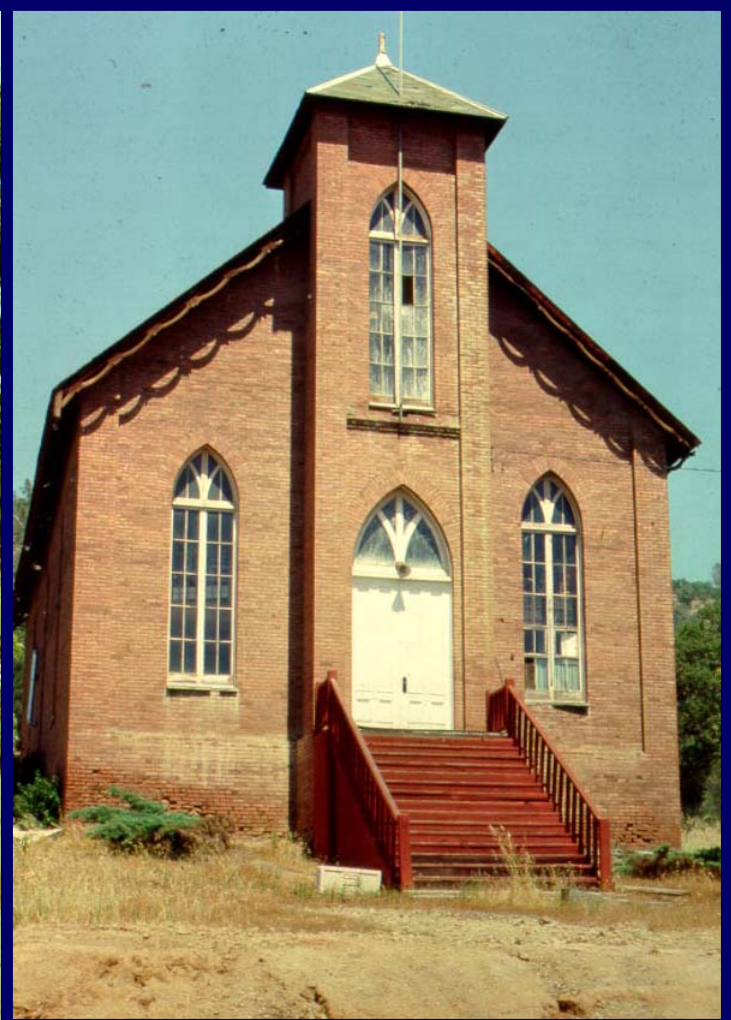
MATERIALS



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FEELING



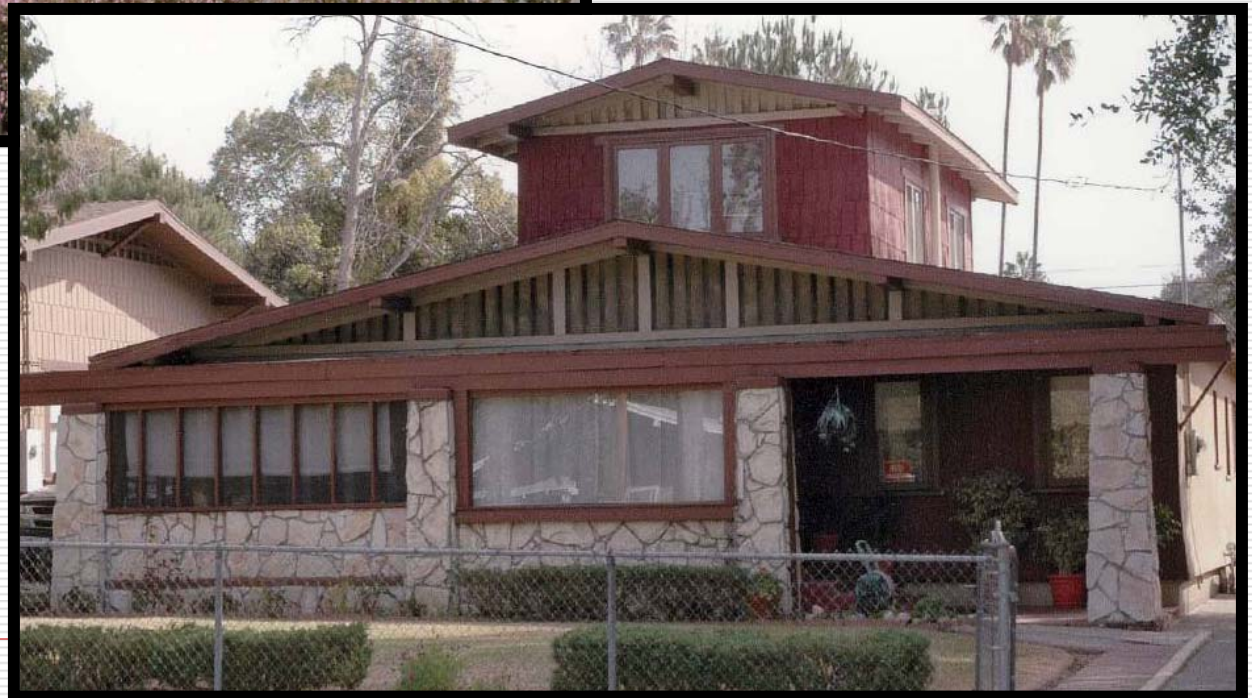
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LOSS OF INTEGRITY







Significance & Integrity

- ❑ A resource may be significant within multiple contexts, multiple periods of significance, or under multiple criteria.
- ❑ Integrity is contingent upon significance; the integrity of a given property cannot be evaluated until its significance has been determined.
- ❑ It is possible for a property to be significant under more than one of the registration criteria, but to retain integrity only under one.
- ❑ 7 aspects of integrity - which are relevant depends on why the resource is significant.
- ❑ "Historic properties either retain their integrity or they do not."
(National Register Bulletin 15)

What is a Historical Resources Survey?

- **Systematic process** for
 - *Gathering information* about a community's historical resources.
 - *Identifying* and
 - *Evaluating* the quantity and quality of historical resources for *land-use planning purposes*.



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SURVEYS PROVIDE **CLUES**

- ☐ **What** resources exist?
- ☐ **Where** are the resources are located?
- ☐ What are the **character defining features**?
- ☐ Why are they **significant**?
- ☐ Have they retained **integrity**?
- ☐ How does each need to be treated?

Revisit, Reevaluate, Update



PLANNING

Who Will Do What? When?

- ✓ Funding?
- ✓ Survey goals?
- ✓ Priorities?
- ✓ Survey what?
- ✓ Survey where?
- ✓ Who will do what?
- ✓ Public Involvement?



How do we get started?

- ☐ Develop preliminary historic **context/s**
- ☐ Determine **survey methodology**
- ☐ Perform **research**
- ☐ Identify **survey boundaries**
- ☐ Plan field survey **strategies**: style guides, templates,
- ☐ **Involve** Public



HISTORIC RESOURCE?



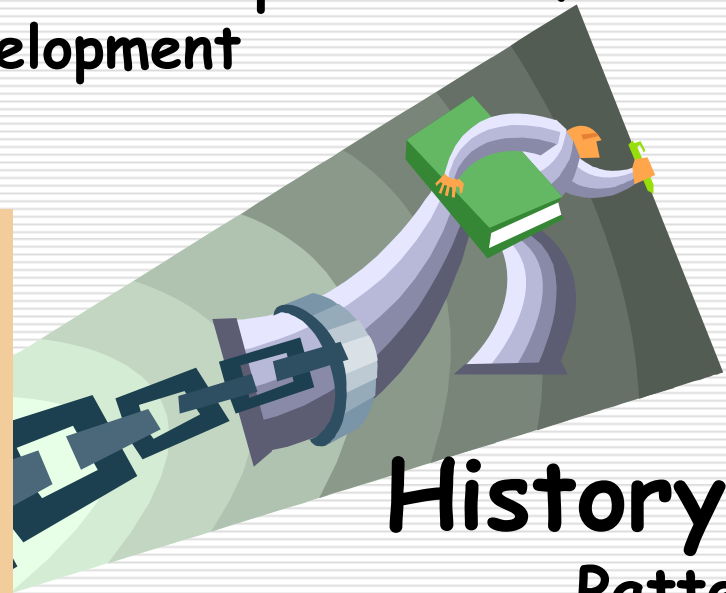
HISTORIC RESOURCE?



HISTORIC CONTEXTS

Describe significant aspects and broad patterns of an area's history and cultural development

Built Environment



History
Patterns
Events
People
Values

Historic Contexts

- ❑ *Synthesize* information about significant historical patterns, events, people, groups, and values
- ❑ *Identify* the property types* and locational patterns which represent important historic patterns, events, people or groups
- ❑ *Identify* characteristics each property type needs to represent the property type within the context
- ❑ *Identify* eligibility and integrity thresholds
- ❑ *Facilitate* better understanding of relative importance of resources for initial study as well as planning purposes

* Groupings of individual properties based on shared physical or associative characteristics

Historic Contexts also

- *Identify* additional Information Needs
 - *Recommend* Goals and Strategies
 - *Evolve* as additional information is acquired
 - *Permit* development of plans for identification, evaluation, and treatment of resources even in absence of complete knowledge of individual properties.
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CONTEXTS



For decisions about identification, evaluation,
registration and treatment of historic properties

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- ☐ Historic Context
- ☐ Identification
- ☐ Evaluation
- ☐ Documentation



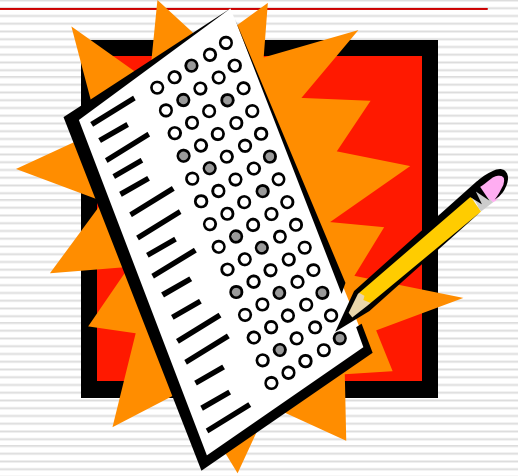
IDENTIFICATION

- ❑ **Identify** the kinds of historic properties within the surveyed area
- ❑ **Identify** potential historic districts
- ❑ **Identify** where no historic resources are present
- ❑ **Identify** properties that do *not* merit further attention
- ❑ **Identify** potentially significant individual buildings or areas which merit further identification and evaluation



EVALUATION

- ☐ What **context** and **property type** does the resource represent?
 - ☐ What **criteria** apply?
 - ☐ What is its **significance**?
 - ☐ Does it have the expected **character-defining features** for its type?
 - ☐ Is it a **contributor** to a **district**?
 - ☐ Does it possess the **integrity** characteristics for its property type within the defined context?
- Multiple contexts/multiple periods of significance?**



DOCUMENTATION



- **Documents** all historic buildings, structures, sites, objects and potential districts in *sufficient detail* to allow for *informed land use planning decisions*.

(PLANNING IS **NOT** DESIGNATION)

- **Defines** essential physical features, also called *character-defining features*, that must be present to represent the property's significance.
- Results in an *inventory* of significant properties

Survey Update

Identification - Evaluation - Documentation

- ☐ Fill in gaps -
 - ☐ Develop contexts where there were none
 - ☐ Consider **significance** within additional contexts
 - ☐ Evaluate with **current understandings** and methodology
 - ☐ Evaluate **integrity** and **current condition**
 - ☐ Evaluate as **contributor** to district or neighborhood
 - ☐ Electronic database - public access
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PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

- ❑ HISTORICAL CONTEXTS
- ❑ SURVEY DATA
- ❑ INVENTORY*
- ❑ SURVEY REPORT
- ❑ RECOMMENDATIONS
- ❑ REVIEW
- ❑ "ADOPTION"
- ❑ INTEGRATION -
Planning & Zoning

* ALL identified and evaluated resources



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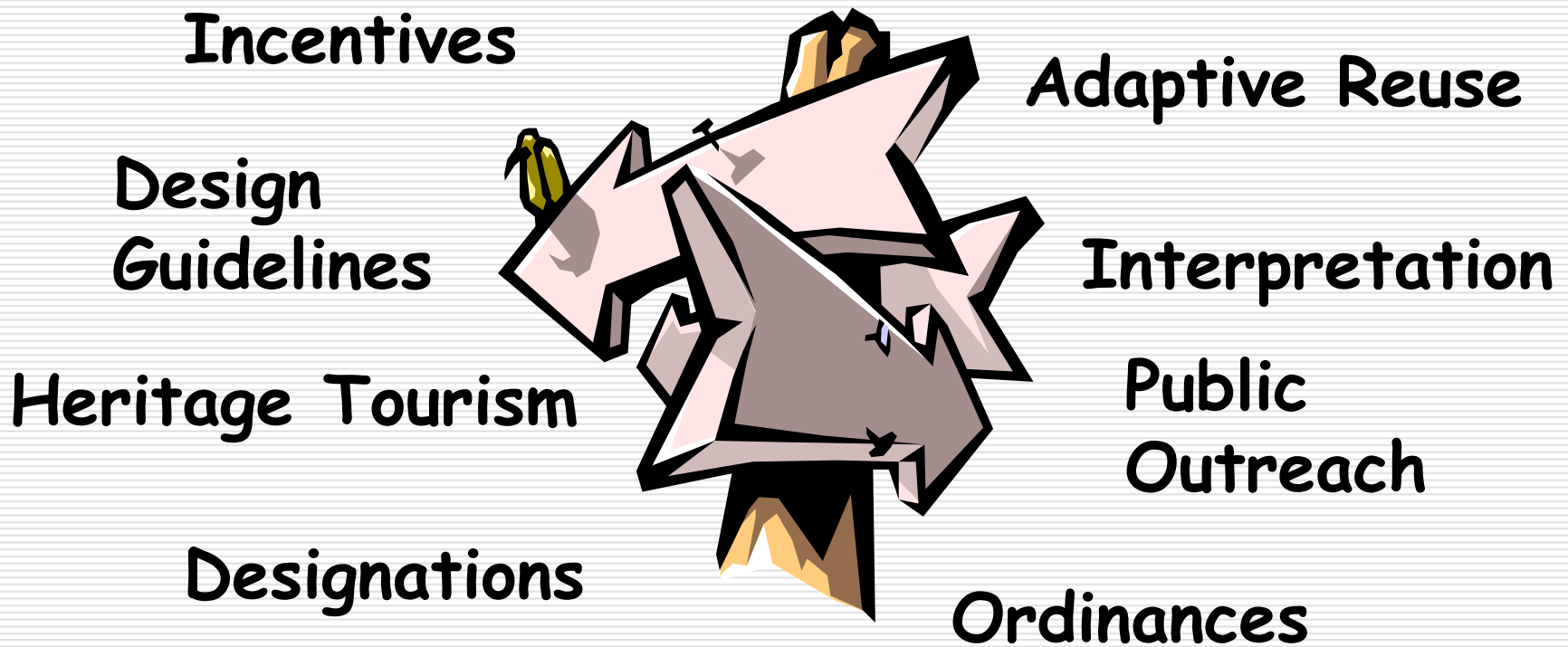
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SURVEYS



Provide Direction for Preservation Strategies

For More Information:



- ❑ "Guidelines for Local Surveys: A Basis for Preservation Planning," *National Register Bulletin 24*,
www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb24/
- ❑ Archeology and Historic Preservation: *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines* for Planning, Identification, Evaluation, and Documentation of historic resources,
www.cr.nps.gov/local-law/arch_stnds_0.htm
- ❑ Office of Historic Preservation www.ohp.parks.ca.gov

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